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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Requirements for Digital Television Receiving Capability
ET Docket No. 05-24

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 19, 2005, Thomas B. Patton, Vice President, Government Relations, Philips Electronics North America Corporation (“Philips”) and Lawrence R. Sidman and David R. Siddall, of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps; Matthew Brill, Senior legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; and Rudy Brioché, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein.

During these meetings, Philips reaffirmed its support for repeal of the requirement that 50 percent of television receivers equipped with tuners have digital reception capability commencing on July 1, 2005 in favor of moving up to March 1, 2006, the effective date for the 100 percent requirement. Philips emphasized the distortions that the 50 percent requirement will create in the marketplace based on its experience with the 50 percent requirement for television receivers having screen sizes of 36” or greater. Indeed, Philips explained how the March 1, 2006 100 percent requirement would accelerate the DTV transition faster than preserving the regulatory status quo. The participants reiterated other points made in Philips’ Comments and Reply Comments filed in this proceeding and in a brief summary page that is attached.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206, this letter is being filed in the above docket and copied by email to each Commission participant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence R. Sidman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lawrence" being more prominent.

Lawrence R. Sidman
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Counsel for Philips Electronics North America Corporation

Attachment

cc: Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps
Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy
Rudy Brioché, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein